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September 3, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. RDC0011147 - 5th Street Over Pacoima Wash, City of San Fernando (3), Dalaj Int'l Corp., with changes amounting to a credit of \$3,050, and a final contract amount of \$79,260.

CC 8501 - Marine Ave., City of Manhattan Beach (4), Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$103,081.32, and a final contract amount of \$606,586.96.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

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The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID No. RDC0011147 and Cash Contract 8501.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The modifications to the contract amounts are credits of \$3,050.00 and \$103,081.32, while the total values of the contracts are \$79,260.00 and \$606,586.96, respectively.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011147, 5TH STREET OVER PACOIMA WASH  
(City of San Fernando), Supervisorial District 3

Contractor: Dalaj Int'l Corp., 2045 Pelham Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024

### Project Description:

Seismic retrofitting of a bridge.

### Change in Work:

VECP - Encase Cross Bracings in Concrete (\$3,050.00)

### Description of Change:

The contractor submitted a proposal to encase the existing steel bridge cross bracings in concrete diaphragms rather than remove them per the plans. This proposal resulted in a savings in the construction cost of the project. Since this is a Value Engineering Cost Proposal, the contractor is entitled to one-half of the net savings of \$6,100. The credit to the contract shown is the County's share of the net savings. The cost for this change was based on contract unit prices.

### Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 5, 2002, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$82,310.00
Change in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(3,050.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$79,260.00</u>

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## ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT

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CASH CONTRACT 8501, MARINE AVENUE (City of Manhattan Beach),  
Supervisory District 4

Contractor: Los Angeles Engineering, Inc., 4134 Temple City Boulevard, Rosemead,  
California 91770-1550

### Project Description:

Resurfacing and slurry sealing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveways; construction of curb ramps; installation of root control barriers; and modification of traffic signals.

### Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	(\$ 57,222.50)
(2) Relocate Pull Box	773.17
(3) Install 2" Stub Outs	1,086.01
(4) Delete Root Barrier	(67,718.00)
(5) Replace Center Median Landscaping Irrigation System	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	(\$ <u>103,081.32</u> )

### Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) It was necessary to relocate a pull box in order to accommodate the west approach advance loops at Aviation Boulevard. This work was not shown on the plans.

(3) Your Board previously approved a change in work to install 2" stub-outs for advance loops in lieu of 1" stub-outs at several locations. It was necessary to install 2" stub-outs at several additional locations.

(4) The root barrier that was installed did not meet the specified requirements for thickness and composition. Both Public Works and the contractor agreed to delete the payment for the root barrier. The City of Manhattan Beach concurs.

(5) Your Board previously approved a change in work to replace the center median landscaping irrigation system between Cedar Avenue and Aviation Boulevard. A portion of the irrigation system was installed in the same trench used to install a root barrier. Therefore, the cost for digging and backfilling the trench was not included in the change in work for the irrigation system. However, after this change in work was issued, payment for the root control barriers was deleted from the contract (see Item 4). Therefore, the contractor is entitled to be compensated for the cost of the trenching and backfilling in those locations where the root control barriers were deleted. The City of Manhattan Beach will reimburse the County for the cost of this work.

The costs for Items 1 and 4 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were based on time and materials methods as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 5 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Five additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 7, 2001, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$607,356.03
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	102,312.25
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(103,081.32)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$606,586.96</u>

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